

# Exclusive News by Special Cable From the Capitals of the Old World

## CHINA, AWAKENING, PLANS UNITY OF RACES

Distinctions Between the Manchus and the Chinese to be Removed.

## MINISTERS FEAR COMET

Those Celestial Tramps Regarded as Presaging Revolution in the Empire.

PEKIN, Sept. 21.—With the arrival here of Yuan Shihkai an unusual series of deliberations with regard to the condition of the empire began yesterday. The emperor has assembled the most influential advisers of the imperial family.

As the government fears that the Chinese are endeavoring to overthrow the Manchus, and as the recent devices adopted to remove the distinction between Chinese and Manchus have failed, the throne contemplates the amalgamation of the two races.

With this end in view, it recently asked for suggestions as to how this would be possible, and a scheme based on the replies is now ready for promulgation. The main points are:

1. The disbandment of the Manchu Banner troops, the abolition of their pensions and the placing of their officers in the regular army.

2. The daughters of upper-class Chinese are to be eligible for marriage into the imperial family. This promises a future Chinese-Manchu emperor.

3. Chinese females shall no longer be permitted to bind their feet. This will remove the difference in appearance between them and the Manchus.

4. Manchus are to be required to take surnames, like Chinese.

The government hopes that in a decade all racial distinctions will be wiped out. The recent comet was the subject of anxious discussion at yesterday's council, and the court is disturbed because it is universally believed in China that comets presage revolution.

The emperor's health is falling rapidly. He has had two apoplectic strokes within the last two years, and his strength is visibly lessening.

She, however, contemplates widespread changes in the metropolitan government, proposes to change the grand secretariat, which has been destitute of power since the time of the Ming dynasty, into a cabinet, and resume the throne to promiscuous advisers.

## SNOWSTORM IN THE ALPS

After Makes Appearance and Heavy Falls of Snow Are Reported.

GENEVA, Sept. 21.—We had the first fall of winter in the Alps last night. A heavy fall of snow was reported from the mountain, which was covered to a depth of nearly eight inches.

The Alps in the cantons of Valais and Grisons snow fell heavily above the height of 6,000 feet.

At Alpine resorts the weather is, at all times, delightful for climbing, and rain has fallen in the valleys in the last three days.

## MANY DEATHS OCCUR IN MIMIC WARFARE

by Manuevers in Austria Marked by Frequent Prostrations on Line of March.

VIENNA, Sept. 21.—An excitement has been caused in Austria by reports that during the army maneuvers a large number of men have been prostrated, and that many cases have ended fatally.

During a forced march in the mountains at the end of last week, in which two regiments of the line, one of which was a rifle battalion, have been marching, a large number of men were prostrated.

Seven were mostly reservists. Seven are reported to have died of heart disease. In addition, a large number of men were injured, and when no one was looking, drew a pair of scissors from her pocket and mutilated a fine picture by Ingres, called "The Sistine Chapel."

In this magnificent picture she stabbed out the eyes of the pope, a cardinal and two other ecclesiastics. Then she went to the nearest police station and gave herself up.

This is the third time within the last few months that pictures in the Louvre have been damaged. A meeting of the responsible authorities was held today, and it has been decided to place a greater distance between the public and the pictures, and to set more men to look after them.

STUCK PINS IN FOWL TO GAIN SHOW PRIZE

Poultry Breeder Sent to Prison for Inflicting Terrible Torture on His Birds.

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—Sonneberg today a well-known poultry breeder named Morgenroth was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for inflicting terrible suffering on a number of fowls exhibited by him at the great German poultry show held at town.

Morgenroth hoped to secure first prize in the highest classes with his birds, and he attached to them wire clamps, and to the flesh of the fowls with pins.

He accordingly plucked the birds, having procured a sufficient quantity of correct feathers, fastened them to the flesh of the fowls with pins.

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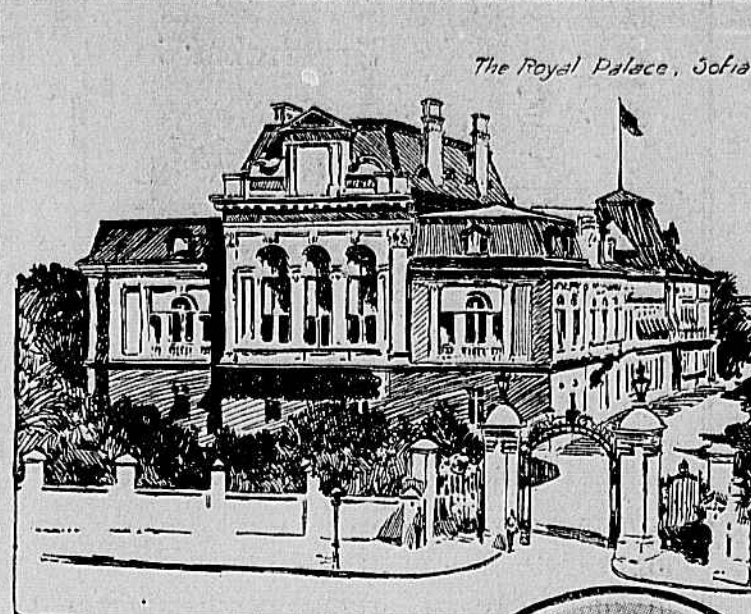
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The Royal Palace, Sofia

## WIFE BURNS HUSBAND, THEN SHOOT HIM DEAD

Death Preceded by the Terrible Agonies Caused by Sulphuric Acid Bath.

## JEALOUSY THE CAUSE

PARIS, Sept. 21.

A tragic and dramatic story was unfolded today at Indre Assizes, when Mme. Bassage, a young woman, was charged with the murder of her husband, Dr. Bassage.

For ten years of their wedded life the couple had lived humbly and happily together, but when they removed to another part of the district, and prosperity began to shine upon her husband, Mme. Bassage's attitude completely changed, and she became unreasonably jealous of him.

On July 23 last, while he was in bed, she came to the bedside and burned him slightly with a flatiron.

A violent scene followed, and finally the doctor seized a revolver, whereupon Mme. Bassage rushed out of the house and returned with a quantity of sulphuric acid, which she threw at her husband, burning him severely.

In an agony of torture the victim jumped out of bed and ran down to the kitchen in search of water.

Mme. Bassage then discharged her revolver at him, and he fell to his room. His wife waited for him, revolver in hand, and when he passed to his dressing room she fired again, and her husband fell dead.

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## SCHOOLBOYS CHEER THEIR POPULAR PRINCE

Heir to the German Throne Stands Persona Grata With Lads of Berlin.

## GIVEN GREAT OVATION

BERLIN, Sept. 21.

The Kaiser today held a parade of the Guards on the Tempelhofer Feld. The weather was beautiful, and the school children, who had a holiday, with crowds of other sightseers, thronged the streets between the parade ground and the castle.

His majesty, who looked extremely well and in the best humor, was cheered loudly on his way from the castle, at the head of the color company. The emperor, in consequence of her recent accident, was prevented from being present, but the crown prince and the Kaiser's four other military sons were at the parade.

The crown prince seems to be the special favorite of the Berlin school boys. On his way from the castle he was met by a band of juveniles, cheering wildly. He stopped and spoke to them, asking them familiar questions about school, and then rode on, the lads noisily demonstrating in his rear. As he progressed through the city the crowd of boys increased to 600 strong, and the noise they made may be imagined.

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Late Princess of Bulgaria



Prince of Bulgaria

## TWENTY YEARS ON THRONE, BUT MOST UNPOPULAR STILL

Ferdinand of Bulgaria, an Outcast of European Royalties, Leads Isolated and Unhappy Life

SOPIA, Sept. 21.—Prince Ferdinand has just celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his accession to the throne of Bulgaria. There were plenty of fates in the city, but it is doubtful if the prince or people entered into their spirit, for the prince is most unpopular, and, if the truth be conceded, most unhappy. This black sheep in the old European royalty has few friends; his own people are against him, and he lives in terror of assassination.

The youngest son of the late Prince Augustus, duke of Saxe-Coburg, and the good Princess Clementine of Orleans, a daughter of Louis Philippe, he was born in 1818. He was an officer in the Austrian army, when, in 1857, Prince Alexander of Battenberg abdicated, and Ferdinand was offered the position of successor, which he promptly accepted. It was to Stambuloff, the greatest states-

man Bulgaria ever had, that he owed his elevation. It was Stambuloff, who calmed the angry storm of anarchy, who turned the tide of revolution and restored order in Bulgaria—the fighting pit of Europe—and placed the weak prince on his throne.

Prince an Ingrate.

To Stambuloff Ferdinand owed everything, and he repaid his debt with base ingratitude. In 1895 Stambuloff was shamefully murdered in the streets of Sofia. The murderers were known, as were those of Alexander of Serbia; there were no arrests; the crime was unpunished, for it was known that the footstep of investigation could logically stop only at the very throne itself.

Francis Joseph of Austria announced that never again could Ferdinand darken the doorway of his court, and, despite the prince's appeals and importings, the emperor has never admitted him.

Ferdinand married Princess Louise of Bourbon-Palma, and in the marriage contract solemnly promised that their children should be brought up Catholics.

Ferdinand was and is a Roman Catholic, and so was his bride, but his idea was that his children should be brought up as Orthodox Greeks in order that they might be more in touch with the religious sentiment of the Bulgarian people, and he proposed to insert a clause in the marriage contract to this effect.

Princess Marie Louise, however, was a devout Catholic, and utterly refused to consider the match unless Prince Ferdinand gave her a solemn pledge that their children should be Roman Catholics. The pope, too, intervened, and said that he would not sanction a marriage in which one of the conditions was the alienation of the children from the Roman church, and in consequence of this pressure brought to bear on him Prince Ferdinand gave the required pledge that he would abandon the idea of having his children brought up as Orthodox Greeks.

Breaks His Solemn Pledge.

His eldest son, Prince Boris, was born in 1894, and was baptized as a Roman Catholic by a Roman Catholic priest. Two years later Prince Ferdinand suddenly announced his intention of having Prince Boris converted to the Orthodox Greek faith, and the ceremony of conversion was performed with much pomp and ceremony in the cathedral at Sofia.

The entreaties of his wife to remember and respect his solemn pledge to her, and the remonstrances of the pope, did not prevent the conversion of the young prince, and would henceforth be an outcast from the Roman fold, failed to move Ferdinand. He desired to obtain favor with his people, and little 2-year-old Boris was given over to the Orthodox Greek church for this purpose. The perversion of her boy was a terrible blow to Princess Marie Louise, and she never recovered from it. Henceforth she was an unhappy woman, and her early death, after six years of wedded life, during which she endured many slights and cruelties from Ferdinand, was a welcome relief from worldly sorrows.

Tries to be King.

Some years ago, shortly after his recognition by the great powers as reigning prince of Bulgaria, he was on the point of proclaiming himself king of Bulgaria, and would undoubtedly have done so had not Russia vetoed his project in deference to the susceptibilities of the sublime Porte. The veto was a disagreeable surprise to Prince Ferdinand, who so little expected it that he had caused one of